

Remarks

In view of the above amendments and the following remarks, reconsideration and further examination are respectfully requested.

In the Office Action, the applicants were required to elect one of the following 23 species of the invention:

- Species 1: Figure 1
- Species 2: Figure 3
- Species 3: Figure 7
- Species 4: Figure 8
- Species 5: Figure 9
- Species 6: Figure 12
- Species 7: Figure 16
- Species 8: Figure 17
- Species 9: Figure 18
- Species 10: Figure 20
- Species 11: Figure 22
- Species 12: Figure 24
- Species 13: Figure 29
- Species 14: Figure 30
- Species 15: Figure 33
- Species 16: Figure 34
- Species 17: Figure 37
- Species 18: Figure 38
- Species 19: Figure 39
- Species 20: Figure 40
- Species 21: Figure 42
- Species 22: Figure 43

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Species 23: Figure 44

In response to the restriction requirement, the Applicants hereby elect, without traversal, Species 17 (Figure 37) for prosecution. As a result of this election, claims 3-8, 14, 17, 21-29, 34, 35 and 39-41 have been withdrawn from consideration. Consequently, claims 1, 2, 9-13, 15, 16, 18-20, 30-33, 36-38 and 42 are currently pending and under consideration.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is submitted that the present application is now in condition for allowance, and the Examiner is requested to pass the case to issue. If the Examiner should have any comments or suggestions to help speed the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is requested to contact the applicants' undersigned representative by telephone.

Respectfully submitted,

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